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Agency Announcements

Help Your Clients Save Money on Heating Costs

Encourage your low-income clients to apply for the **Weatherization Assistance Program**. This program can assist clients who are at or below 150% of the poverty level. Recipients of the Family Independence Program (FIP) or those who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are automatically eligible.

This program can assist individuals in making their home more energy efficient by reducing air leaks, improving insulation, and improving ventilation. This can lead to a 25% reduction in heating charges (about \$300). See website below for more information.



Source: <http://www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance>

Do you have announcements?

E-mail them to Kenneth Pape (papek@michigan.gov)
by the first Monday of the month.

Did You Know?

The HIV/AIDS Pandemic turned 25 this year after the first case of AIDS was identified in 1981. Since the beginning of the pandemic more than 25 million people have died of AIDS globally¹, 956,019 have been diagnosed with AIDS in the United States², and 14,386 have been diagnosed with AIDS in Michigan².

Sources: (1) Avert, <http://www.avert.org/worldstats.htm>
(2) Kaiser Family State Health facts, statehealthfacts.org

HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services Bids Farewell to Intern

Sarah Young, MSW student intern with Kenneth Pape, will be leaving at the end of December to prepare for an internship with the ACLU and Southern Poverty Law Center in Jackson, Mississippi. She has learned a great deal from community members and has benefited from her work with Ken in the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services office. She would like to thank all those who helped advance her knowledge of HIV/AIDS issues and practice in Michigan, including Tiffany Jones of APM and Rick Jones of Project Hope. Sarah would especially like to thank Ken for his humor, his dedication, and his willingness to show her the ropes this semester.



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Michigan Case Management Organizations

Note: words in parentheses are not included in the puzzle

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AIDS Partnership (Michigan)

Bay Area Social (Intervention
Services)

Community AIDS Resource (and Education
Services of SW Michigan)

Community Health (Awareness Group)

HIV/AIDS Resource (Center)

Lansing Area (AIDS Network)

Marquette County (Health Dept)

McCauley Clinic

McClees Clinic

St Clair County (Health
Department)

Thomas Judd (Center)

Visiting Nurse (Association of SE
Michigan)

Wellness Flint

McClees Clinic

See if you can find the **hidden related** word in the puzzle...

Stay tuned to the next newsletter for the answer!



Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is something that affects clients of all types, across all income levels, races, sexual orientations, and genders. A recent survey of 33 HIV Case Managers and other HIV service providers showed that 75% do not feel that they have enough knowledge to support a client in a violent relationship. 85% of those surveyed felt that they would benefit from training on domestic violence in the future. 33% of HIV case managers stated that they were unaware of services in their area that support people in violent relationships.

Here are some tips to support clients that may be in a violent relationship:

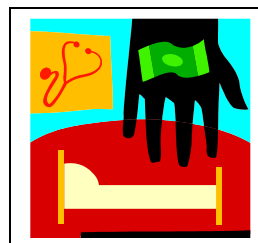
- Ask if your client feels safe in her/his relationship. Ask if your client would benefit from brainstorming together about solutions to keep her/him safe.
- Know what resources are available in your area.
- Encourage your agency or program to include domestic violence screening as a part of your intake and assessment process.
- Do not assume that a client isn't in a violent relationship based on their sexual orientation or gender. Men and members of the LGBT community are affected by domestic violence as well as women and heterosexual couples.

Source: Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence
<http://www.mcadv.org/mrcdsv/resource/stats/stats.html>

Solution to November's Puzzle: Welfare and Benefit Terms

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Hidden Phrase: Medicaid



Questions about the newsletter?
Any announcements you would like included
in the next newsletter?

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